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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] As shown in FIG. 6, in one embodiment the die 30 includes a base 32 housing a steel rule 34 that is configured to a shape to provide a corresponding cut out of the sheet material. A rubber material 36 is adhered to the top portion of the base. The rubber portion extends beyond the top portion of the cutting edge of the steel rule so as to maintain the sharpness of the steel rule 34. The rubber 36 also provides an ejection or a spring back force to extract the sheet and desired shape cut out of the sheet from the die after the die press is actuated and the cutting action has been performed.